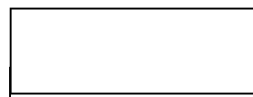




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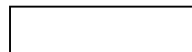
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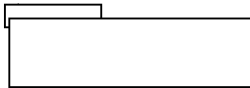
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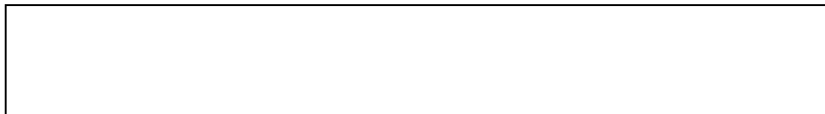
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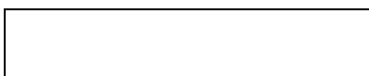
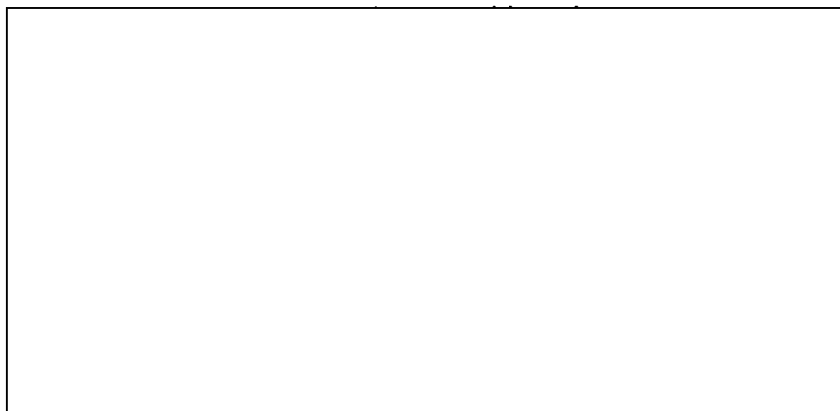
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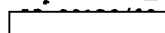
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EL SALVADOR - NICARAGUA - CUBA: Insurgent Plans

The Salvadoran insurgents apparently are discussing strategy with Cuba and Nicaragua to counter the more aggressive tactics of Honduran Government forces. [redacted]

[redacted] the insurgents had favored a military confrontation between Nicaragua and Honduras, while the Sandinistas have wanted the guerrillas to step up attacks in El Salvador and Honduras. [redacted]

Talks are continuing in Havana to resolve any differences. [redacted]

Guerrilla leaders believe chances of a popular insurrection are not good but hope a military coup attempt will allow them to seize the initiative. Discussions among the insurgent groups are under way to get ready for this possibility. In the interim, the People's Revolutionary Army plans to continue staging ambushes and attacks on isolated military units and sabotaging economic facilities. [redacted]

Comment: Increased Cuban and Nicaraguan support should help the Salvadoran insurgents to increase operations. Before they can organize a major offensive, however, they will have to overcome chronic logistic problems and factional disputes. In the meantime, failing a coup attempt--which seems unlikely--they probably will have to rely on more small attacks. [redacted]

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